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FOR SCOWCRFOT FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER - EYES ONLY

1. WHAT YOU HAVE ASKED FOR IN TOHAK 131 IS NOT ONLY UNNECESSARY, BUT POTENTIALLY VERY DANGEROUS. TO GO BEYOND THE PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ENDORSING 242 THAT I SENT YOU EARLIER COULD -- AND PROBABLY WOULD -- RUIN THE DELICATE BALANCE WE HAVE FINALLY BEGUN TO ACHIEVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I WILL NOT BE A PARTY TO ANY SUCH MANEUVER.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT SENATOR MCCLURE'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST WAS FINANCED BY THE KUWAITIS, SO HIS VIEWS ARE HARDLY THOSE OF AN IMPARTIAL WITNESS. HE SHOULD NOT, WITH THAT BACKGROUND, BE PERMITTED TO INFLUENCE OUR ACTIONS IN THE SLIGHTEST.

3. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD TELL THE PRESIDENT THAT I STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST ANY STATEMENT AT THIS TIME THAT GOES BEYOND WHAT I HAVE ALREADY PROPOSED. THAT TEXT MAINTAINS A NICE BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, AND MAKES IT CLEAR THAT IT IS THE PRESIDENT WHO MOVED US AS FAR AS WE HAVE GONE. HE OUGHT NOT THREATEN THAT ACHIEVEMENT, AND THE CREDIT THAT GOES WITH IT, BY SAYING SOMETHING THAT COULD BRING EVERYTHING DOWN AROUND OUR EARS.

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